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For : A KIT FOR DIAGNOSING PULP EXPOSURE AND A PROBE SYRINGE

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 1, 2007**

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 1, 2007, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response until February 1, 2008.

Applicant notes that this response is being filed prior to expiration of the three month shortened statutory period for response, whereby an extension of time should not be necessary to maintain the pendency of the application. However, if any extension of time is required to maintain pendency of the application, including any required extension of time for entry of an Examiner's Amendment, this is an express request for any required extension of time, and authorization to charge any required fee to maintain the pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.